



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?  
Who does not have a voice at the table?  
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

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Wednesday, February 9, 2022

6:30 PM

Virtual

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held virtually at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, February 9, 2022. President Gnam called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

**Members Present:** Ald. Syed Abbas; Emily Gnam; Moira Harrington; and Madelyn Leopold.

**Members Excused:** Ald. Yanette Figueroa Cole and Chandra Miller Fienen.

**Parks Staff Present:** Eric Knepp; Lisa Laschinger; Christopher Peguero; Ann Shea; Joanne Austin; and Theran Steindl.

**City Staff Present:** Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office and Dan Rolfs, Real Estate.

[69708](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the January 12, 2022 Board of Park Commissioners meeting.

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Harrington, to Approve the Minutes of the January 12, 2022 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[69707](#)

Public Comment

There were no registrants for Public Comment.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

## REPORTS

### President of the Parks Commission

President Emily Gnam reports that the Warner Park Community Recreation Center Advisory Subcommittee is coming along well since the bylaws were updated and they are now able to regularly meet quorum.

### Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Eric Knepp stated that the transition to spring operations is beginning. Winter rentals and permit sales are down slightly, which is expected due to the warmer conditions. The partnership with MadNorski at Elver is going well. Skating rinks and Adopt Ice rinks have done well and he thanked volunteers for their efforts and partnership. The Lake Monona Waterfront (LMW) Ad Hoc Committee will be established soon with application processes underway. Parks will send the application link to commissioners to share with those who may be interested in the project. Staff recently toured the Olin Facility and the reconstruction is going well. A July completion is planned with a target date of opening to the public being the day after Labor Day.

#### [69711](#)

February 2022 Superintendent Report

Public Information Officer Ann Shea presented the Public Information Office quarterly report.

Knepp presented the Planning and Development quarterly report on behalf of Planning and Development Manager Ann Freiwald.

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Abbas, to Accept the Report. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

#### [69703](#)

Minutes of the January 24, 2022 Facilities, Programs and Fees Subcommittee; November 23, 2021 Habitat Stewardship Subcommittee; January 27, 2022 Golf Subcommittee; January 19, 2022 Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittee; January 27, 2022 Warner Park Community Center Advisory Subcommittee; and December 21, 2021 Olbrich Botanical Society.

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Abbas, to Accept the Minutes. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

[69397](#) Fee Modification Report for 2021

**Assistant Superintendent Lisa Laschinger presented the report.**

[69410](#) Monthly Report of Events Administratively Approved by Staff

**Laschinger presented the report. The administrative system is going well. It will expire 60 days after Public Health orders expire. Assistant Superintendent Christopher Peguero and Knepp were available to answer questions.**

[69489](#) Authorizing the amendment to the ground lease for the residential structure located at 704 East Gorham Street, within James Madison Park. (6th AD)

**Dan Rolfs of City Real Estate reported on the item.**

**Registered speaker Bob Klebba shared a presentation in support and was available to answer questions.**

**Registrant David Waugh was in support.**

**Motion made by Abbas, seconded by Harrington, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the FINANCE COMMITTEE. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[69664](#) Park Commission President Resident Appointment to the Golf Subcommittee of the Board of Park Commissioners.

**Motion made by Abbas, seconded by Leopold, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES 2.04, 2.05, 2.24, & 2.25 - MISC. ITEMS. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[69413](#) Glenway Golf Park Programming Plan

**Laschinger presented an overview of the programming plan. Knepp and Golf Operations Supervisor Theran Steindl were available to answer questions.**

**Registered speaker Joan Laurion spoke regarding allowing dogs off-leash in the Glenway Woods.**

**Motion made by Abbas, seconded by Leopold, to Refer to the next BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS meeting.**

[69412](#) 2022 Proposed Glenway Golf Fees

**Knepp and Laschinger provided an overview of the fees.**

**Motion made by Abbas, seconded by Harrington, to Approve the Fees. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[69744](#)

Request by Parks Superintendent Eric Knepp to Rename Glenway Golf Course to Glenway Golf Park

**Knepp provided an overview.**

**Motion made by Abbas, seconded by Leopold, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion made by Abbas, seconded by Leopold, to Adjourn at 9:43 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**